

I feel that the XM radio service of local traffic and weather is a most valuable contribution to the radio listening experience and should not be discontinued. I cannot depend on the local broadcast stations to transmit traffic conditions in a timely fashion, they just do not put a priority on this service, and given that I live in the Baltimore, MD - Washington, DC area, up-to-the minute traffic information is critical so that I can plan my travel arrangements. Additionally, I travel quite a bit for work, and the ability to check out the local weather at my destination is very handy (not to mention the fact that the ability to get local traffic is great as well) so I can determine if I need to take a raincoat, etc. This feature is most handy since otherwise I would have to check the Internet to get the local conditions where I am going. My personal opinion is that the NAB's attempt to block XM radio from offering this service is their attempt to halt progress of a competitor and stop the advancement of technology. If they can't keep up, then their licences should be revoked and given to organizations that are willing to use advanced technologies to serve the people. Personally I don't listen to local broadcast radio since most of it is either demeaning to my intelligence, or offensive to my ears and I would not miss it if this industry went away.